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SUBJECT : US GRAIN ALLOCATIONS FOR GUINEA

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1. AUGUST 9, CHARGE INFORMED SEKOU CAMARA, SECRETARY OF STATE COMMITTEE FOR ECONOMIC COOPERATION WITH AMERICAS OF USG DECISION TO SEND 8,000 MT GRAIN TO GUINEA IN LATE 1974. CHARGE EXPLAINED THAT WE WERE TENTATIVELY PLANNING TO SEND SORGHUM BUT COULD ALSO PROVIDE SFG AND/OR CSB IF GUINEANS WISHED. ALSO EXPLAINED THAT USG COULD TRY TO PROVIDE SOME CORN, BUT COULD NOT GUARANTEE IT WOULD BE AVAILABLE.

2. AUGUST 13 CAMARA TOLD CHARGE THAT PRESIDENT TOURE HAD BEEN INFORMED BY THE STATE COMMITTEE, AND THAT HE HAD EXPRESSED HIS GRATITUDE TO US PEOPLE FOR THIS GIFT. BUT, NOT SURPRISINGLY, TOURE DID INDEED REQUEST CORN. IN FACT HE SPECIFICALLY ASKED THAT 8,000 MT GRAIN BE COMPOSED OF 7,000 MT CORN AND 1,000 MT CSB OR SFG. CAMARA SAID THAT VAST MAJORITY OF GUINEANS (EXCEPT IN FEW NORTHERN REGIONS) HAVE STRONG PREFERENCE FOR CORN OVER SORGHUM, PARTICULARLY IF CORN ARRIVED DURING MONTH-LONG RELIGIOUS FESTIVAL OF RAMADAN BEGINNING ABOUT SEPTEMBER 30.

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3. CHARGE AGREED TO CONVEY PRESIDENT'S REQUEST, HOWEVER, STRESSED ONCE MORE, AND SEVERAL TIMES, THAT PROSPECTS FOR CORN WERE NOT GOOD, ESPECIALLY IN LIGHT OF NEW REPORTS OF DROUGHT IN US CORNBELT.

4. FOR DAKAR. IN VIEW GUINEAN REQUEST FOR 1,000 MT OF PROTECTIVE FOODS (CSB AND/OR SFG) EMBASSY WOULD LIKE FURTHER INFORMATION ON NATURE OF THESE COMMODITIES. WE UNDERSTAND THAT YUGOSLAV WFP REP HERE (NOW ABSENT UNTIL EARLY SEPTEMBER) HAS CARRIED ON SOME EXPERIMENTAL WORK WITH SOME OF THESE COMMODITIES IN GUINEA (WE NOT SURE WHICH ONES) AND HAS FOUND THAT GUINEANS LIKE THEM. WE NOTE THAT FFP REP MAHER PLANS VISIT TO CONAKRY IN CONNECTION TITLE II SORGHUM SHIPMENT (DAKAR 4589). MAHER WELCOME; WE SUGGEST HE ALSO BE PREPARED BRIEF US AND GUINEANS ON ABOVE COMMODITIES.  
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